

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An improved hydraulic fitting having a stem including a hose insert portion, and a collar support portion, having a mating connection portion, and a collar having, a torque communication portion, a ferrule support portion, and an inner periphery extending through said ferrule support portion and said torque communication portion, the improvement comprising:

said collar support portion of said stem including knurling and an axial stop ring, said torque communication portion adapted to be of said collar staked in such a manner that said inner periphery extending through said torque communication portion communicates with said knurling in a relatively non-rotational manner, and

said ferrule support portion adapted to be of said collar staked in such a manner that said inner periphery extending through said ferrule support portion ~~communicates with~~ engages said axial stop ring in an axial movement limiting manner.

2. (Currently Amended) A hydraulic fitting comprising:

a stem having a hose insert portion, and a collar support portion,

a mating connection portion,

said collar support portion of said stem including knurling and an axial stop ring,

a collar having, a torque communication portion, a ferrule support portion, and an

inner periphery extending through said ferrule support portion and said torque

communication portion,

said torque communication portion ~~adapted to be of said collar~~ staked such that said

inner periphery extending through said torque communication portion

communicates with said knurling in a relatively non-rotational manner, and

said ferrule support portion ~~adapted to be of said collar~~ staked such that said inner

periphery extending through said ferrule support portion ~~communicates with~~

engages said axial stop ring in an axial movement limiting manner.

3. (Original) The hydraulic fitting of claim 2 further comprising a ferrule affixed upon said ferrule support portion.

4. (Currently Amended) A hydraulic coupling and hose comprising:

a hose end fitting including:

a stem having a hose insert portion, and a collar support portion,

said collar support portion of said stem including knurling and an axial stop ring,

a collar having, a torque communication portion, a ferrule support portion, and an

inner periphery extending through said ferrule support portion and said torque

communication portion,

said torque communication portion ~~adapted to be~~ of said collar staked such that said

inner periphery extending through said torque communication portion

communicates with said knurling in a relatively non-rotational manner,

said ferrule support portion ~~adapted to be~~ of said collar staked such that said inner

periphery extending through said ferrule support portion ~~communicates with~~

engages said axial stop ring in an axial movement limiting manner,

a mating connection portion,

said hose fitted upon said hose end fitting,

an apparatus fitting, and

said apparatus fitting sealingly mated to said mating connection portion of said hose

end fitting.

5. (Original) The hydraulic coupling and hose of claim 4 further comprising a ferrule staked

upon said ferrule support portion and said hose crimped under said ferrule.

6. (Withdrawn and Previously Presented) A method for producing a hydraulic fitting comprising the steps of:

providing a stem having a hose insert portion, and a collar support portion,
knurling a portion of said collar support portion,
forming an annular depression proximate the common boundaries of said collar support portion and said hose insert portion,
providing a collar with a torque communication portion,
placing said collar about said collar support portion, and
staking said collar at said torque communication portion to affix said collar upon
said stem in a relatively non-rotational manner.